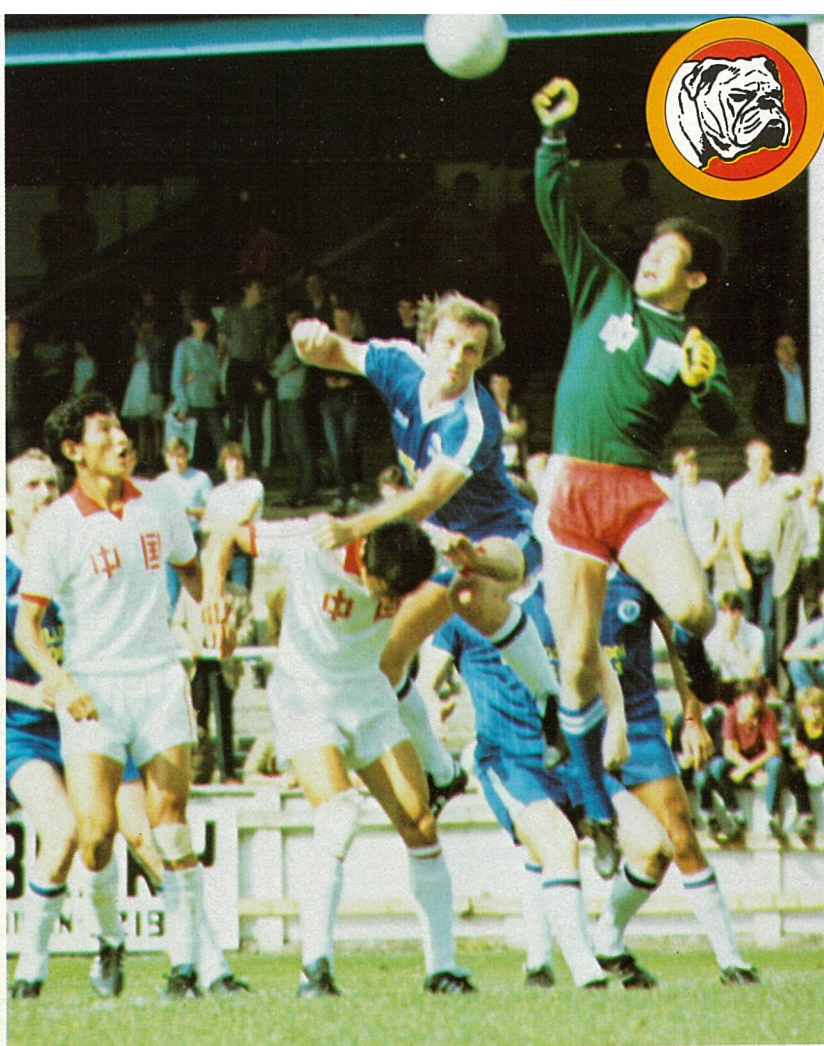


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LLOYD

GOOD evening and welcome to what should be a lively game against our promotion partners of last season, Bradford City. Our performance on Saturday against Brentford left me with mixed feelings. For the first hour we performed well, turned the Brentford defence often and showed the kind of attacking football everybody in the game is calling for. In the last thirty minutes, however, we lost our way and gave them so much space in the mid-field that you would have thought we had the ten men, not them.

It is interesting that our two League games to date have produced four

penalties, five bookings and one sending-off. If this is to be the year of the referee, we are amongst the first to witness the fact.

I am sure you will have already noticed the higher standard of football played in the Third Division compared with the Fourth. Players are required to use more skill, to achieve greater accuracy and show greater control; attacking moves are developed slowly and with more patience. Fortunately the lads are living up to the demands made upon them and I'm sure we need have no fear of life in this new division.

It was good to see a 5,000 gate on Saturday, especially during the local holiday week. It was quite disturbing to study the number of low gates in the League this weekend, with Nottingham Forest and Swansea having their lowest gates ever in the First Division. I cannot help thinking that the main reason for low gates is not so much a lack of interest, but rather a lack of money. Football cannot expect the recession to leave it intact.

I would like to take this opportunity of giving you a progress report on my back injury. I have been instructed by the specialist to refrain from all exercise until I see him again next Monday, when I hope he will give me the all clear to get playing again. I'm dying to see what I look like in one of our nice new shirts!

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

THE Third Division has been a flurry of transfer activity throughout the close-season and, believe it or not, many former "big name" players should be in action at Springfield Park in the coming months.

Leading the way in the transfer market of course were Sheffield United, who splashed out £100,000 on Sheffield Wednesday winger Terry Curran, and then brought in Sunderland's Kevin Arnott, Barnsley's Ray McHale and Cardiff's Mike Henderson on free transfers.

They still hadn't finished, and last weekend they laid out £200,000 on Leicester striker Alan Young.

Portsmouth weren't far behind in the money stakes either. They paid Everton £125,000 for Alan Biley and also signed former Everton and England winger Dave Thomas, Neil Webb from Bournemouth and Ernie Howe from QPR.

Relegated Millwall signed Barnsley striker Trevor Aylott and then claimed Willie Carr from Wolves — a Latics target last season, remember!

Former Blackpool defender Stan McEwan has joined Exeter, along with Keith Viney and Dave Harle.

Plymouth were also active in the free transfer market, claiming Mike Carter from Bolton and Ray Gooding from Coventry.

Lincoln signed Seamus Heath from Luton and he made his debut against Latics last week. Other moves included the following:-
David Arthur - West Bromwich Albion to

Walsall;

Gary Barnett - Coventry City to Oxford United;
Brian Bason - Crystal Palace to Reading;
Steve Biggins - Shrewsbury Town to Oxford United;

Paul Bodin - Newport County to Cardiff City;
John Butcher - Blackburn Rovers to Oxford United;

Paul Clarke - Brighton & Hove Albion to Southend United;

Brian Cox - Sheffield Wednesday to Huddersfield Town;

Richard Dawson - Doncaster Rovers to Chesterfield;

Roger Gibbins - Cambridge United to Cardiff;
Aidan Gibson - Derby County to Exeter City;

David Grant - Sheffield Wednesday to Oxford United;

Terry Gray - Southend United to Bradford City;
Roy Greenwood - Swindon Town to

Huddersfield Town;

Jeff Hemmerman - Portsmouth to Cardiff City;
Steve Jones - Bristol Rovers to Newport County;

Ollie Kearns - Reading to Walsall;
Jake King - Shrewsbury Town to Wrexham;

Dave Linney - Birmingham City to Oxford United;

John McDowell - Norwich City to Bristol Rovers; and

Eric McManus - Stoke City to Bradford City.

There's more of course, but I'll let you digest that lot first — besides I may be struggling for something to write for my next set of notes.

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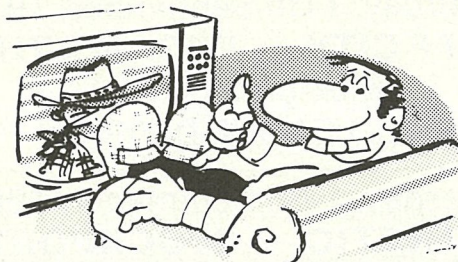
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Saturday, 11th September, 1982.

CARDIFF CITY -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Tuesday, 14th September, 1982

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- STOCKPORT COUNTY

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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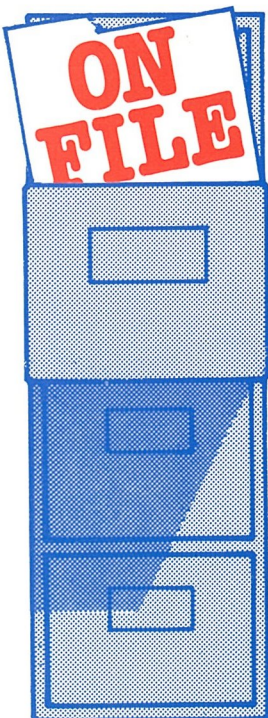
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I'M GLAD to see that this column has already been accepted as the serious and bureaucratic article that it is intended to be. A supporter, having read Saturday's edition, grabbed me after the match. "Read your 'On File' this week, Colin", he said. "Load of boring old rubbish!" That's what I like to hear, constructive criticism, but you're going to get all the info. on football's new regulations whether you like it or not, and I don't care if you are bored, you've got to learn. When you're in a pub and some smart-Alec starts waffling on about those mysterious lines behind the goals being old English fertility symbols, you will be able to say, "Well those photographers must be fertile because they sit behind them. I know, because I read 'On File'." You see, it's all for your own good.

Anyway, those lines have appeared because of a letter circulated to all clubs on 4th August, 1982. It stated that the Football League Management Committee was concerned at "the positioning of photographers, with apparent disregard for the safety of players". They have, consequently, decided to adopt the F.I.F.A. Law 1 — International Board Decision 12, which instructs clubs to restrict photographers behind a line drawn to the following specifications. "The line, called the Photographer's line (what else?) should be marked behind the goal-lines at least two metres from the corner flag through a point situated at

least 3.5 metres behind the intersection of the goal-line with the line marking the goal area to a point situated at least six metres behind the goal post". When I read my copy of this instruction I handed the letter to the groundsman, Billy Mitchell, who read it and handed it to Philip, his grandson. He read it and handed it to me. I read it again and handed it back to Billy, who decided that it had now travelled far enough and that some comment was called for. "What does it mean?", he said, "You tell me", I replied. Anyway, after a lot of head scratching and discussion as to how many metres were in a kilogram, we decided to mark the pitch as you can see it now and hope for the best. It looks about right — I think.

And as promised, below is the new interpretation of the Laws of the Game, Number 15 as agreed by the F.A. and the Football League on Friday, 16th July. It states, "In the event of a player taking a throw-in from substantially the wrong position, it will be regarded as a foul throw i.e. "not from the point where the ball crossed the touchline; a throw-in should be awarded to the other side".

I have it on good authority that David Glenn was abroad on 16th July and that he consequently did not read about this interpretation.

Well, Davy Boy, you know it now,
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COMMERCIAL COLUMN

WELL, this is the last 'Commerical Column that I shall be writing for Wigan A.F.C. I am sorry in some ways that I am leaving, but we all have to look to the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff in the commercial office for their invaluable help over the past 11 months. I could not have managed without them. Chris, Dee, Carol, Helen, and last but by

no means least Bill Brown who controls the girls with a rod of iron.

I would also like to thank the lottery agents and every supporter that bought lottery tickets, remember that when you buy a ticket or any item from the souvenir shop you are helping Wigan Athletic F.C.

To Larry and the players, I would thank them for some very entertaining times, on and off the field, and wish them all the best for this season!

Best wishes,
David Roberts.

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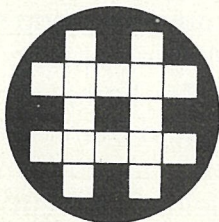
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 2

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go

---Tardelli, Italy star

Spurs defender through the 70s

Elisha ---, old Anfield hero

Redknapp, perhaps

CLUB CLUE No. 2

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

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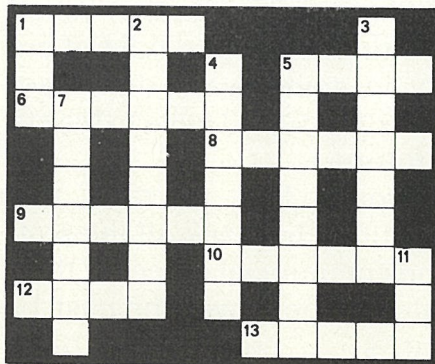
MIXED DOUBLES No. 2

Re-order the letters in each of the words

BOOKER and **BLISTER** to find two men called Garry.

QUICK QUIZ No. 2

1. What player began the 1981/82 season with an opening-day hat-trick?
2. How many clubs did Spurs beat in winning the FA Cup last time?
3. Which experienced League full-back was appointed a county cricket captain for 1982?
4. Which two players collected their 100th caps during the World Cup finals in Spain?
5. What club name is common to Eire and Czechoslovakia?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 2 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. & 5. Not No. 1 ... No. 2! (5-4)
6. Frank, who had a long career with Bristol Rovers, was an Under-23 international ... so he really was the --- of Wales! (6)
8. See 11 down
3. One of the Muhren brothers (6)
10. Eder of Brazil did it to Alan Rough of Scotland in scoring what was arguably the best goal of the World Cup finals (6)
12. When they were in the League, Workington weren't the only club with this nickname (4)
13. One of last season's promotion-winners (5)

DOWN

1. Dutch star who has made the rounds of the European clubs ... and he sounds like a travelling salesman! (3)
2. One of the supposed 'minnows' in the last World Cup finals, they lost only once (to a last-gasp penalty) and won many freinds (8)
3. After a century of appearances for Carlisle, George went to WBA and on to Oldham (another ton) before going back to Brunton Park to clock up another couple of hundred (7)
4. He scored in the 1967 and 1970 European Cup finals (7)
5. Santiago --- Stadium, home of Real Madrid (8)
7. He handed in his cards in January 1981 (7)
11. & 8ac. This forward's career took up most of the 1960s and 1970s and he shared his 450 appearances equally between Northampton (two spells) and Blackburn (3,6)

Answers on page 12.

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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

THE Wigan Amateur League kicked off last week with a real clash of the giants — last season's Premier Division Champions, Bethel F.C., met runners-up Aspull.

There was consequently a great deal of pride at stake and a predictably exciting tussle took place, with Bethel eventually running out 3-2 winners.

Aspull made a spirited challenge in attempting to knock the home side's crown a little askew, and missed a golden opportunity to at least grab a point when a penalty ten minutes from time thundered back off the post. So the score remained at 3-2 and there is every indication that both sides will again be up amongst the challengers at the end of the season.

Both sides proved their class to a further extent in the First Round of the Wigan Cup Competition, when between them they managed to score no fewer than eighteen goals. Bethel hammered Abram 10-3, while Aspull disposed of Bispham 8-1.

Back in the Amateur League there were plenty more goals to be found, and also a pleasing number of impressive individual scoring performances.

On the first day of the new season there were five hat-tricks or better in the League programme, with four goals apiece from Parkinson of Bridgewater, and Skett, Second Division Highfield's goalscorer extraordinaire. Meanwhile there were three goals for Bond of Scholes and Toothill of Bryn Gates in the Second, and N. Meehan of St. Thomas' Reserves in the Third Division.

One League which seems to receive scant attention sometimes is the Wigan Little League, and one side who are hoping to get involved in the Under-Thirteens' League are Kitt Green Football

Club.

Youngsters under the qualifying age are needed at the Club to play in the team earmarked for the Little League, and Kitt Green are also on the lookout for some keen dads who can help out at Sunday morning training sessions. Anyone who can help in any way should contact the Club Coach, Barry Dickinson at 318 City Road, Kitt Green, or ring him on Wigan 218075.

Higher up the local football scene Wigan Rovers are having a mixed start to the season.

After beating Nelson in their first ever game in the North West Counties League, the team faltered in the League's Knockout Cup, losing to a team from the town thwarting them at every step, Atherton.

The jinx seemed to begin when a Rovers' player was injured, and possibly out for the season, against Atherton Town in a pre-season game. Then in the First Round of the Cup the Wigan lads were knocked out by another Atherton team, Atherton Collieries.

In the First Round tie at the Rovers' Poolstock pitch the score was 1-1, but the Wigan club were subsequently knocked out in the replay at Atherton. In that game they went behind in the first half, but after the interval equalised, only for a silly back-pass ten minutes from the end to let Atherton in with the winner.

In conclusion I would like to again appeal for your help in writing this column. Any items of local soccer news concerning any teams from the Wigan area, large or small, would be welcome. Contact me at the Wigan Observer and let everyone know what is happening on the local scene.

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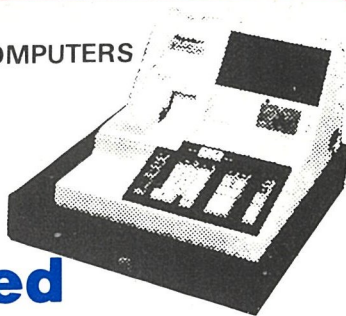
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SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE PAGE

SOCCER NINETY NINER No. 2 Across: 1. & 5. right-back, 6. Prince, 8. See 11 down, 9. Gerrie, 10. lobbed, 12. Reds, 13. Luton. **Down:** — 1. Rep, 2. Honduras, 3. McVitie, 4. Gemmell (Celtic), 5. Bernabeu, 7. referee, 11 & 8ac. Don Martin. **ON THE BALL No. 2** — Marco, Pratt, Scott, Harry. **CLUB CLUE No. 2** — Inter(nazionale) **MIXED DOUBLES No. 2** — Brooke, Birtles. **QUICK QUIZ No. 2** — Bob Latchford, 2. Six, 3. Phil Neale (Lincoln/Worcs.), 4. Zoff (Italy) and Lato (Poland), 5. Bohemians.

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The Sunday People

Wigan — by a Whistle

Wigan Athletic 3 Brentford 2

Wigan's first home game in The Third Division was surrounded by controversy. Latics were helped by three penalties.

Brentford took the lead through Mahoney, but minutes later Wigan were level when Houghton converted McMahon's corner. Then came a mad five-minutes spell. Bradd and Whitehead tangled — and O'Keefe scored from the spot. A carbon-copy incident resulted in marching orders for Whitehead and a penalty which O'Keefe missed.

Later O'Keefe was fouled by Tucker — and Lodge, on loan from Everton, scored from the spot. Joseph got a late goal for Brentford.

FORM REPORT

WIGAN: Tunks 7, McMahon 7, Weston 6, Cribley 6, Methven 7, O'Keefe 7, Lodge 6, Barrow 7, Bradd (wdn) 6, *HOUGHTON 8, Rogers 7, Sub: Butler.

BRENTFORD: Roche 7, Tucker 6, Booker 6, Whitehead 5, Wilkins 6, Hurlock 6, Kamara 6, Bowles 6, Mahoney 7, *JOSEPH 8, Roberts (wdn) 6, Sub: Johnson 7.

Ref: G. Tyson (Sunderland) 6.

minutes when striker Terry Mahoney glided the ball past Roy Tunks.

Peter Houghton headed in the equaliser from a corner five minutes later and Wigan started to play with more confidence.

The drama began in the 18th minute, however, with Alan Whitehead upending Les Bradd in the box.

Midfielder Eamon O'Keefe took the kick and beat 'keeper Paddy Roche, referee Tyson said the 'keeper had moved and ordered a retake, and O'Keefe again made no mistake.

Five minutes later there was uproar when Whitehead again tangled with big striker Bradd inside the box and the referee pointed to the spot amid a storm of protest from Brentford's players.

Whitehead got his marching orders but this time O'Keefe's kick was brilliantly saved by Roche. With striker Tony Mahoney replacing Whitehead at the back ten-men Brentford gave a brave display and it was the 59th minute before Wigan made their extra man tell. O'Keefe burst into the box and was blatantly body checked by Barry Tucker, earning a third penalty which was cracked into the roof of the net by Paul Lodge, on loan from Everton. But, in the end, it was Wigan who were hanging on after Francis Joseph pulled one back.

LATICS: Tunks, McMahon, Weston, O'Keefe, Cribley, Methven, Lodge, Barrow, Bradd, Houghton, Rogers. Sub Butler.

BRENTFORD: Roche, Tucker, Wilkins, Booker, Whitehead, Hurlock, Kamara, Mahoney, Joseph, Bowles, Roberts. Sub: Johnson.

Referee: Mr. George Tyson (Sunderland)

The visitors had their first real chance of the match with just two minutes gone as Mahoney headed on to Joseph and although he rounded Tunks, he was pulled too wide and his cross was cleared by Weston.

Latics surged back 60 seconds later with a great break by Houghton. He got to the line and crossed, but Roche made an easy collection at the near post.

Brentford were looking a very lively side indeed in the opening period and Joseph again almost caught the home defence napping with a clever lob but this time Tunks saved.

It came as no surprise however when Brentford took the lead after just nine minutes, Terry Hurlock sent Mahoney away with a great through ball and the centre forward raced on, ignoring Latics' appeals for offside, and pounded Tunks before flipping the ball casually into the net from two yards.

Five minutes later Latics hit back in the best possible style with an equaliser.

The goal followed a Paul Lodge corner. Barrow rose at the near post, and flicked the ball on to Houghton who nodded in at the far post.

The game took a sensational turn two minutes later when Latics went in front with a twice taken penalty.

Bradd was tripped in the box by Whitehead and O'Keefe stepped up to send Roche the wrong way from the spot. The home side's joy was short lived as the referee made him take the kick again and this time O'Keefe put the ball in the other corner to put Latics in the lead.

Result: Latics 3, Brentford 2.

News of the World

Wigan's drama debut victory

Wigan 3 Brentford 2

Wigan's home debut in the Third Division was packed with excitement incident — including five goals, three penalties and a sending-off.

Brentford were more composed than League newcomers Wigan early on and took the lead after nine

Post & Chronicle

It's Spot On Latics

Fullback David Glenn missed Wigan Athletic's Third Division home debut today.

He had failed a fitness test on an ankle injury.

Included in the visiting Brentford side was former England star Stan Bowles.

What you say...

Jack Meredith 18 Pagefield Street, Wigan. A very entertaining game. I thought Brentford were going to get four or five goals after their initial onslaught, but we weathered the storm and got on top, going in at half time with a deserved lead.

In the second half we were a bit slack, but we certainly deserved our win, especially as we were denied a goal when Roche scooped out the

ball from over the line from a Les Bradd shot. All in all, the match was a real crowd pleaser and all the folk around me on the terraces were set up with it. A man of the match? Alex Cribley.

Ronnie Pye 5 St. Andrews Drive, Wigan. "An excellent game, full of incident and plenty of good football. I thought Alex Cribley had a good game and Paul Lodge certainly looks to be a

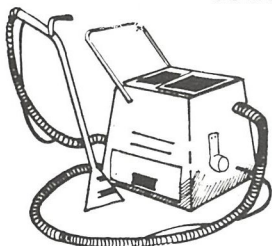
classy player. Brentford are certainly a good side, fast, with some good individuals. Stan Bowles has still got a good football brain, but he yaps too much. I think they'll end up in the top six, so where does that put us?

Miss Christine Mathews, Chief Development Executive, Brentford Football Club. "What a travesty of justice. We were robbed!"

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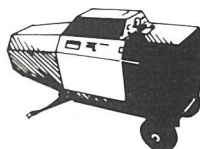
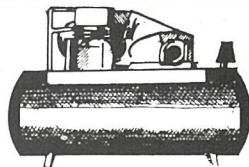
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Back Row (left to right): Peter Jackson, Barry Gallagher, Cyril Podd, Garry Watson, Eric McManus, Ian Campbell, Joseph Cooke, Michael Lester. **Front Row**: (left to right): Mick Jones (Coach), John Black, Stuart M, Roy McFarland (Manager), David McNiven, Mark Ellis, Leslie Chapman, Bryan Edwards, (Pysiotherapist)

TONIGHT we welcome to Springfield Park our old friends and rivals — Bradford City.

Bradford City were formed in 1903 and were immediately elected to Division Two of the Football League, and within five years they had been promoted to Division One, where they remained until 1922. From then there

was a steady decline and in 1978 they were demoted to Division Four. This year, they were promoted along with Wigan Athletic to Division Three and hope this will be the start of a steady climb to the higher division again.

Bradford are managed by the well known former English International centre-half Roy McFarland.

Their ground, Parade, has a capacity of 25,000 yds. It is situated a mile from the town.

It is interesting to note that the firm designed the Park Parade the club were the first to use when they beat New

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ian Mellor, Robert McCall, Terry Gray,

known as Valley capacity of 16,000, and ment is 110 yds. x 76 three-quarters of a n centre.

o note that a Bradford F.A. Cup in 1910, and first to win it in 1911, wcastle after a replay

by 1-0.

STUART McCALL (Full Back or Midfield) Signed as a full time professional during the 1982 close season after two years as an apprentice. Born in Leeds, his father, Andy McCall played League football for Leeds United, Blackpool and Halifax Town.

JOE COOKE (Defender) Rejoined the club in February 1982 from Exeter City for a £10,000 fee. Born on the West Indies island of Dominica, he came to Bradford as a boy and joined City from school, making his League debut in 1972. Left the Club in January 1979 for Peterborough United in a player exchange deal. Subsequently moved to Oxford United and then to Exeter City before returning to Bradford. An experienced player, who has also played centre forward. Joe Cooke has played more than 300 League games.

PETER JACKSON (Defender) Local born player, who joined the Club as an apprentice in the Summer of 1977. Made his League debut in March, 1979 and has played close on 100 League and Cup games for City. Former Bradford Boys and West Yorkshire Schoolboys player.

TERRY GRAY (Midfield) Bradford born player, who returned 'home' in June 1982 after spells at Huddersfield Town and Southend United. Spent seven years at Huddersfield Town, one season as Captain, before joining Southend United in a player exchange deal. Was Southend's second leading scorer when they won the Fourth Division championship in 1980/81.

IAN MELLOR (Midfield) Former Bradford Boys player, another of City's close season signings. He began his League career under Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison at Manchester City before moving to Norwich City, Brighton, Chester and Sheffield Wednesday. Played in two Third Division promotion teams at Brighton and Sheffield Wednesday. City are hoping he will make it a hat-trick this season. Tall left sided player, equally at home on the wing or in midfield.

MIKE LESTER (Midfield) Joined Bradford City in February 1982, on free

transfer from Exeter City. Began his League career at Oldham Athletic and had a spell at Manchester City and in the North American League before joining Grimsby, whom he helped to win the Fourth Division Championship in 1979. Allan Clarke then signed him for Barnsley and he played in their Third Division promotion team in 1980/81 before joining Exeter City for a £25,000 fee.

BARRY GALLAGHER (Midfield) Had a successful first full season in the first team last season scoring 18 League and Cup goals. Bradford born, he joined City as an apprentice in 1977 and made his League debut in March, 1978 still a month short of his 17th birthday. Played for Bradford Boys and West Yorkshire Schoolboys.

LES CHAPMAN (Midfield) One of the most experienced players on the Club's books. Joined Bradford City from Stockport County for £10,000 fee in February, 1980. Began his League career at Oldham Athletic before joining Huddersfield Town. Returned to Oldham from whom he signed for Stockport in the summer of 1979. Made more than 400 League appearances.

BOBBY CAMPBELL (Forward) Hit the headlines towards the end of last season. Won his first full cap for Northern Ireland four months after the Irish F.A. lifted the life ban imposed for misconduct as a youth International. Born in Belfast, he joined Aston Villa as an apprentice and played for Halifax Town (twice), Huddersfield Town and Sheffield United before joining City in December, 1979 after a spell in Australia. Was leading scorer last season with 27 League and Cup goals. Went to Spain for the World Cup Finals, but injury prevented him from playing.

DAVID McNIVEN (Forward) Was Bradford City's record signing when he joined the Club from Leeds United in February, 1978 for a fee of £25,000. Since then, he has scored more than 60 League goals in nearly 200 matches. A Scottish Under 21 International he joined Leeds from school and played 21 First Division games before joining City.

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WITH the first meeting under our belts we can begin to look ahead and just take a glance over our shoulders at what has happened over the last few weeks.

All our Netball and Soccer teams have been in action for three or four weeks and have all been very successful. And although trials have been held for our under-12's and under-13's soccer squads, members are still invited to train with them, and who knows, if you impress the coaches they might sign you.

If you would like to train with the boys, please give Peter Jackson a ring on 726733.

Coca Cola — We have arranged for the first session of Coca Cola Awards to start at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, 18th September. Please note the times.

New Starters	9.00 — 10.00 a.m.
Red and Black	10.00 — 11.00 a.m.
Silver and Gold	11.00 — 12.00 noon

Snooker — What I think is one of the most exciting events, is being held at Wigan Snooker Club.

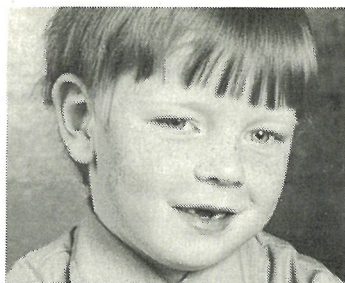
The Wigan Snooker Club Junior Latics Snooker Championships. It will run for one week in October and all those who get past the First Round will receive an award. More details later.

MATCHDAY MASCOT

Tonight's mascot is Martin Dutch, 49 Wall Street, Springfield, Wigan. He attends Sacred Heart Junior School, and his hobbies and interests are running, football and fishing. Famous footballer — Bobby Charlton.

Enjoy tonight's game, Martin.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

Junior Latics Under 12's have joined the Chorley Jubilee League and are certainly setting a standard for Larry Lloyd's team to follow. They have won three games out of three, scored 24 and conceded 2.

★ ★ ★

Larry Lloyd is to receive an award for outstanding work last season from the Northern Sports Writers Association.

★ ★ ★

Runcorn are doing well in the Alliance League which they won last year. They are especially pleased with the fine performances of their left full-back, a certain Brian Kettle. Does the name ring a bell?

★ ★ ★

Jimmy Weston is not just a pretty face. He has now passed the penultimate stage of his Accountancy examination and sits his final stage next year.

★ ★ ★

When Latics play Reading on 23rd October there could be a clash of loyalties in Bobby Charlton's household. His eldest daughter, Suzanne, is a new student at Reading University studying Meteorology. Maybe when she has completed her

course she can tell us why it always seems to rain in Wigan on match day.

★ ★ ★

The players' new team bus has been fitted with a video so that they can while away the miles to all the distant clubs in the Third Division. Whilst Larry Lloyd insists on censoring all films beforehand, the lads have been choosing their favourites. So far, Eamon O'Keefe chose "Return of the Pink Panther" and Graham Barrow (who else?) chose "Rocky".

★ ★ ★

We understand that Club Secretary Colin Burke had a bet with the players at the start of last season that if they got promotion he would shave his beard off. He kept to the bargain and off came the whiskers on the first morning of the club trip to Majorca. Such was the effect that the lads immediately called for him to grow it back again, which he now has. When asked about it, Colin said "I've had the beard for ten years and couldn't remember why I'd grown it, but as soon as I saw my face in the mirror, I remembered and was only too glad to let it grow again".

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Good Luck to all the lads, and especially Eamon O'Keefe. Jane and Julie, Aspull.

All the Best to the Latics for 1982/83. We'll soon be in the Second Division. Paul Jones, Ashton.

Happy Birthday Gloria Roberts of Aspull. By your next birthday Latics will be in Division Two. Lots of love, Mum and Dad.

Happy Birthday Jimmy Weston. Happy Birthday, Jim for Thursday. From all your 'loving' team mates.

Happy Birthday Jimmy Weston. From all the staff at Springfield Park. Have a good day.

Lost Set of car and house keys. Lost in car park after the Brentford game. Anybody who found them please hand them in to the Club office.

Goodbye and Good Luck to David Roberts, the Commercial Manager who is moving to pastures new. From all your friends at Springfield Park.

Happy Birthday for yesterday Gary Marsden (aged 8) of 15 Showhill Drive, Highfield. From Roy Tunks and all the players.

Get Well Soon Grandad, (Harry Robinson), Get well soon and let's hope it's not long until you're back on the terraces cheering the Latics on to Division Two. From your Grandson, Peter Hackett.

Happy Birthday and best wishes to Donald James Boardman, of 290 Billinge Road, Highfield, Wigan. A loyal Latics supporter for the past 25 years. From Jean, Stuart and Denise.

DON'T FORGET This is a free service for Latics supporters. All messages should be handed in, or 'phoned through to the Club by the Monday morning before Saturday, and the Friday morning before mid-week games. Please make your messages as short as possible.

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Peter Houghton shows how to beat the full back in these two examples of his skill against an unhappy Andy Thorpe during the League Cup Match against Stockport County. Photographs by courtesy of E. Adrian Gibson.



Graham Barrow successfully executes the near-post header from a corner in the match against Stockport County. Photograph by courtesy of E. Adrian Gibson.



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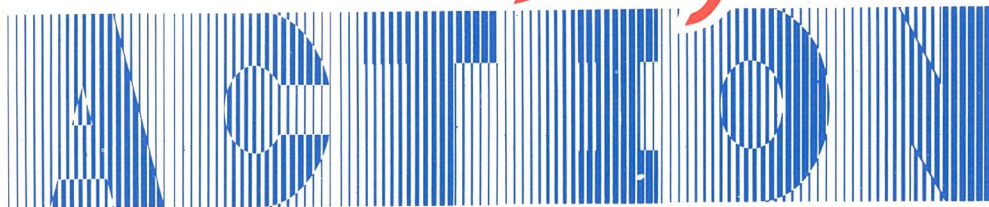
LES BRADD



IT must be a tremendous moment for any 17-year-old playing for a local side when a scout from a League Club takes him to one side and asks him to sign for them. It certainly was for Les Bradd when, whilst playing in a local league in his native Buxton, Rotherham United signed him as a professional. "I never played for Buxton Schoolboys" because they didn't have a team", recalls Les. "I don't know if I'd have been picked even if they had". Such modesty is typical of Big Les, the 6'1" centre forward with over 550 League appearances to his credit. His career has involved a short spell at Rotherham before his transfer, for £1,000, to Notts County, then a Fourth Division side. It was when he was at Meadow Lane that he experienced his best and his worst moments in football. The best was in 1975 when Second Division County beat the then mighty Leeds at Elland Road in the League Cup. The worst was three years before when County gained 62 points in their first season in the Third Division and still failed to get one of the promotion places. "62 points we got", he says, "62 points and we finished fifth. The year before 61 points won the Championship!" Indeed, the following

year County were promoted with 57 points and Les remained with them in the Second Division until he joined Freddie Pye's Stockport for three seasons in 1978. Whilst there he continued to do what he did at Rotherham and Notts County and what he was later to do at Wigan — score goals and please the fans. He was Player of the Year at both "Countys" twice and picked up the Latics trophy in his first year with Wigan. But despite all his trophies and all the accolades from admirers, he remains the quiet family man he has been for ten years. He lives in Nottingham with his wife Anne and two boys, of seven years and nine years, Simon and Timothy. Whilst he likes curries and other such oriental food, he prefers a simple steak and likes nothing better than a pint of beer and a game of darts or dominoes in his local but never the night before a game. "As a professional" he declares, "you have to discipline yourself — no one can do it for you". And a professional is what Les Bradd is — in fact Chairman Freddie Pye says of Les, "He is the ideal footballer, being a true professional both on and off the pitch". No-one would disagree with that.

Central League



OUR first game in the Central League was a strange fixture. The League does not really get underway until the third week in September, but Larry Lloyd was very keen to get his reserves an early run-out to ensure their match fitness in case any are needed for the first team. There is, therefore, no match report this week and we are taking this opportunity to give you some facts about the League.

The Central League is very proud of its history and status in English Football, considering itself as the second most important League in the country. This claim is well founded and hardly surprising, as the League was formed in 1912 by the Northern and Midland giants of the Football League as specifically a reserve-team League. The first ever winners were, not however, giants, but rather lowly Lincoln City — who won it with 48 points out of a possible 64 and then immediately withdrew from the League never to return. Their resulting 100% record must be a record in itself.

The League continued even during the First World War when its regionalised nature enabled it to carry on whilst the Football League was forced into abeyance.

From its early days, the League was a difficult one to win, with only West Bromwich Albion (1932/33, 33/34, 34/35) and Wolves 1950/51, 51/52, and 52/53) ever managing a hat-trick of championships. That was, however, until Bill Shankly came on to the scene. His simple method of football (so simple that nobody else can copy it) was as applicable to the reserve team as it was to the first and so in 1968/69 Liverpool lifted the championship for only the second time in the forty seven seasons the League had run, (it was forced into abeyance from 1939 to 1946). In the thirteen seasons since that 1968/69 championship, Liverpool Reserves have lifted the trophy eleven times, making a running total under Shankly and Paisley of twelve championships in the past fourteen seasons (Derby County in 1971/72 and Manchester City in 1977/78, ruining things for the Anfield set-up).

But as Liverpool strengthened their grip on the league, and perhaps because of it, the standard of football started to drop. Players seemed to lose their commitment and very often teams contained too many players who, since the freedom of contract law, merely worked out their time in the Central League side, waiting until their contracts were up before seeking a new club. Something had to be done to revitalise the League and, in the time of recession, to enable clubs to field two teams whilst cutting playing staff dramatically. The solution came in two forms — the league was expanded at this year's A.G.M. from 22 in one division to thirty-two in two. The fixtures were changed from Saturday to mid-week, thus enabling managers to not only utilise their dwindling numbers of players more effectively, but also to watch the games themselves (something they had not been able to do on a regular basis since the League started seventy years ago).

And so, last June, Wigan Athletic got it's chance, along with twelve others, to apply for one of the ten new places in the League. After so many unsuccessful applications to join the Football League, the Latics representatives would not have been surprised to fail at their first attempt. But as luck would have it, the voting went as follows, (22 teams plus the Chairman had the vote),

Elected

Barnsley 23,	Middlesbrough 19,
Rotherham 23,	Chesterfield 18,
Notts. County 22,	Sunderland 18,
Oldham Athletic 21,	Wigan Athletic 18,
Bradford 19,	Port Vale 17

Not Elected

Shrewsbury Town 12 Grimsby Town 11

If you add them up, there's one missing. It was in fact the champions of 1912 — Lincoln City. Despite their excellent results seventy years ago, they could only pull six votes. So it looks like their 100% record will still be hanging over Liverpool proving that at least one club can match their magnificent run.

Supporters Club

SPOTLIGHT

The committee and bar staff wish to welcome the officials, players and supporters of Bradford City Football Club to Springfield Park.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Supporters' Club will be held on Thursday, the 30th September at 8.00 p.m. Will any member wishing to stand for election to the committee, please make sure that your name, together with proposer and seconder is placed on the list provided which is displayed on the notice board. This list will be removed seven days prior to the meeting as per club rules.

DARTS AND DOMINOES

Would any member wishing to join the Darts and Dominoes section please see Brian Sabin as soon as possible. The matches start on Monday, 20th September, in the Aspull and New Springs League.

TRAVEL TO AWAY GAMES

Anyone wishing to travel by the Supporters' coach to future away matches will find all the relevant information (including prices) on the Notice Board.

Whilst you are reading these notes I will be 3,000 miles away anxiously awaiting the result.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CLUB

Saturday, 11th September, 1982 — "GRANVILLE" (Door charge).

Enjoy a pint in the club after the match.

Stuart Cooper.

FACTS + FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers†	Butler
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 1 leg)	A	1-2	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
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Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H														
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A														
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1 2 leg)	H														
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H														
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A														
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A														
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H														
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H														
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A														
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H														
Oct. 23	Reading	A														
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H														
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A														
Nov. 6	Orient	A														
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H														
Nov. 20	(F.A. Cup 1st Round)	A														
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A														
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H														
Dec. 11	(F.A. Cup 2nd Round)	H														
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H														
Dec. 27	Wrexham	A														
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H														
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Jan. 1	Preston NE	A														
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Jan. 8	Brentford	A														
Jan. 15	LINCOLN CITY	H														
Jan. 22	Bradford City	A														
Jan. 29	DONCASTER R	H														

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

	Home							Away				Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
Portsmouth	2	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	3	0	6
Oxford United	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
Bradford City	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	6
Wrexham	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	4
Newport County	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Brentford	2	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	2	3	3
AFC Bournemouth	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Southend United	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Reading	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	2	3	3
Preston North End	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	2	3
Wigan Athletic	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	2	3
Plymouth Argyle	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	3
Orient	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Lincoln City	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	3
Bristol Rovers	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	5	3
Sheffield United	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	4	3
Exeter City	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	2
Huddersfield Town	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2
Gillingham	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1
Doncaster Rovers	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
Millwall	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
Cardiff City	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Walsall	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	3	0

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Comments from the Chair

GOOD evening, and a warm welcome to our visitors from the White Rose County, Bradford City, and especially to their affable chairman, Mr. Bob Martin. We have had many a battle with Bob's club in the past but have always remained close friends. I am sure we can look forward to another hard fought struggle tonight.

Saturday's game against Brentford was most entertaining and I trust that you enjoyed it as much as I did. I thought we deserved our win and Brentford can have no complaints. Any team that repeatedly brings opponents down in the penalty area can have no complaints when penalties are awarded against them, and I was convinced that the three penalties awarded on Saturday were correctly judged.

In these financially difficult times it seems that Sheffield United are again going to be a front runner in the spending stakes, having just splashed out a small fortune for



Curran and Young. They will, however, be shortly announcing a loss of £800,000 incurred in ensuring their jump from the Fourth to the Third Division. One club that did not manage to make the jump but still incurred a loss of massive proportions is Blackpool, who cost around £1½ million last season. Indeed, Bobby Charlton and myself were last night speaking at a dinner to help them to raise funds. Life in football these days is certainly filled with worries about money.

I was very pleased, therefore, to see the size of the gate last Saturday, especially with the races at Haydock and the 'Kevin Keegan Roadshow' over at Bolton acting as competing attractions. I hope the gates keep up and that the team continue to serve up the kind of football that pleases the supporters.

Enjoy the game,

Freddie Pye
Freddie Pye,
Chairman.



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TEAM CHECK

"HERE NEXT"
Tuesday, 14th September, 1982
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
**WIGAN ATHLETIC -v-
STOCKPORT COUNTY**
MILK CUP FIRST ROUND, SECOND LEG



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripe)

1. Roy Tunks
2. John McMahon
3. David Glenn
4. Eamon O'Keefe
5. Alex Cribley
6. Collin Methven
7. Paul Lodge
8. Graham Barrow
9. Peter Houghton
10. John Rogers
11. John Butler
12. To be announced.

OFFICIALS

Referee:
Mr. T.J. HOLBROOK
(Wolverhampton)

Commenced refereeing in 1966 in
Walsall Junior and Youth Leagues, then
via the Staffs County League and the
Central League to the Football League.

He works as a chartered Secretary for a
building society and his interests include
tennis, golf and squash. He is also a
member of the Round Table.

Linesmen:

Red Flag Yellow Flag
Mr. J.W. Lloyd **Mr. J.J. Shawcross**
Wrexham Winnington,
Northwich.

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F.T. SCORE:
ATTENDANCE:
SCORERS
LATICS:
VISITORS:
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**BRADFORD
CITY**
(All Yellow)

1. Eric McManus
2. Stuart McCall
3. Les Chapman
4. Mike Lester
5. Joseph Cooke
6. Peter Jackson
7. Barry Gallagher
8. Terry Gray
9. Bobby Campbell
10. David McNiven
11. Ian Mellor
12. To be announced.